

**MINUTES OF THE  
VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION**  
Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Dr. Steven Allen  
Major General Jefferson S. Burton  
Dr. Blair K. Carruth  
Mr. Bart Davis  
Mr. Tage I. Flint  
Mr. Brian Garrett  
Mr. Gary Harter  
Mr. Johnnie B. Janes  
Mr. Frank Maughan  
Mr. Paul Patrick  
Mr. Jon Pierpont  
Mr. Terry D. Schow

Ms. Ann Williamson

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Senate Chair  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Mr. Tim M. Cosgrove  
Mr. Jared A. Haines  
Mr. George Gutzmer  
Mr. Greg Rowley

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Gregg A. Girvan, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Esther Chelsea-McCarty, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Assistant

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. Sen. Knudson, Rep. Peterson, and Mr. Rowley were excused from the meeting.

Chair Ray welcomed Mr. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst, as newly appointed staff to the commission.

Chair Ray introduced Jackie Chamberlain, Department of Human Services, who has been designated to serve as a member of the commission in place of Ann Williamson, and Paul Patrick, Department of Health, who has been designated to serve as a member of the commission in place of Dr. Marc Babitz.

Additionally, Chair Ray recognized Zachary Barrus, who was in attendance for Jared Haines, and Steve Leyba, who was in attendance for Jon Pierpont.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maughan moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Commission staff distributed "Proposed Meeting Dates 2016." Commission discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schow moved that the commission adopt the proposed meeting dates as outlined on the handout. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Veterans Memorial**

Mayor Ron Bigelow, West Valley City, presented "Veterans Hall Foundation" and discussed proposed plans for a state memorial to be located in West Valley City.

Mr. Harter distributed to commission members *Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration, A Time To Honor, Stories of Service, Duty, and Sacrifice* (ISBN: 978-0-9863285-2-7).

Mr. Davis commented on the appreciation he has seen in the veterans who have seen the book.

Mr. Harter also distributed the March 2016 issue of "The Utah Veterans Voice."

### **3. Commission Membership**

Ms. Chelsea-McCarty referred to 2016 General Session H.B. 452, "Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission Amendments," which was distributed in the mailing packet, and briefed commission members on the provisions of the legislation that modified the membership of the commission. She discussed permanent memberships and the 2-year appointments that will need to be reviewed for reappointment during the interim.

Commission discussion followed. No action was taken on this item.

### **4. 2016 General Session Wrap-Up: Legislation Report**

Mr. Girvan referred commission members to "2016 General Session Bills related to Veterans and Military Affairs," which was distributed in the mailing packet, and summarized the provisions of select bills on the list that passed and noted that 2016 General Session H.B. 99, "Military Retirement Income Tax Exemption," would be studied by the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee during the 2016 interim.

Rep. Poulson indicated that as a member of the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee, she will keep the commission apprised of when the legislation is placed on the committee's agenda.

### **5. Commission Study Items / Site Meetings: Recommendations and Discussions**

Commission members discussed recommendations for commission site visits during the 2016 interim. These included Dugway Proving Ground in Tooele County and Salt Lake City Air National Guard Base, which will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Air National Guard in Utah.

Commission members also discussed potential topics for discussion during the 2016 interim.

### **6. Other Business/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Mr. Maughan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.